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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing insurance services ~~via a~~, the method including the steps of

~~printing a form containing having printed thereon~~ information relating to an insurance service, and ~~a plurality of tags, each tag containing at the same time as~~ ~~printing the information~~, printing coded data indicative of an identity of the form and of ~~at least one reference point of the form~~ ~~its own location on the form~~.

~~said method comprising the steps of:~~

~~receiving, in a computer system, indicating data from a sensing device, said indicating data regarding the identity of the form and a position of the sensing device relative to the form, the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the form, sensing at least some of the coded data and generating the indicating data from the coded data; and~~

~~identifying, in the computer system and from the indicating data, at least one parameter relating to the insurance service,~~

~~wherein the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the form, senses at least some of the coded data and generates the indicating data using the sensed coded data.~~

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said at least one parameter relating to the insurance service is associated with at least one zone of the form and in which the method includes identifying, in the computer system and from the zone relative to which the sensing device is located, said at least one parameter.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 which includes

~~receiving, in the computer system, data regarding movement of the sensing device relative to the form, the sensing device sensing its movement relative to the form using at least some of the coded data; and~~

~~identifying, in the computer system and from said movement being at least partially within said at least one zone, said at least one parameter of the insurance service.~~

4. (Currently amended) ~~A method of providing insurance services, the method including the steps of~~

~~printing a form containing information relating to an insurance service, and at the same time as printing the information, printing coded data indicative of at least one parameter of the insurance service; The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:~~

~~receiving, in ~~a~~ the computer system, data from ~~a~~ the sensing device regarding said at least one parameter and regarding movement of the sensing device relative to the form, the sensing device, when moved relative to the form, sensing at least some of the coded data and generating the data regarding~~

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~~said at least one parameter using at least some of the coded data and generating the data regarding its own movement relative to the form; and~~

interpreting, in the computer system, said movement of the sensing device as it relates to said at least one parameter,

~~wherein the sensing device, when moved relative to the form, senses at least some of the coded data and generates the movement data using the sensed coded data.~~

5. (Currently amended) ~~A method of providing insurance services, the method including the steps of~~

~~printing a form including coded data indicative of an identity of the form and of at least one reference point of the form; The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:~~

~~receiving, in a computer system, data from a sensing device regarding an identity of a customer, the identity of the form and a position of the sensing device relative to the form, the sensing device sensing at least some of the coded data when placed in an operative position relative to the form, the sensing device containing the data regarding the identity of the customer, generating the data regarding the identity of the form using at least some of the sensed coded data, and generating the data regarding the position of the sensing device relative to the form using at least some of the sensed coded data; and~~

~~identifying, in the computer system, and from the data regarding the identity of the customer, the identity of the form and the position of the sensing device relative to the form, an insurance service as it relates to that customer,~~

~~wherein the sensing device contains the data regarding the identity of the customer.~~

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) ~~The method of any one of claims 2, 4 or 6~~claim 2 in which the parameter is an action parameter of the insurance service, the method including effecting, in the computer system, an operation in respect of the action parameter.

9. (Original) The method of claim 8 in which the action parameter of the insurance service is selected from the group comprising:

obtaining insurance product information;
obtaining details of an insurance policy;
obtaining a quote for insurance;
making an insurance claim;
viewing the terms of an insurance policy;
accepting the terms of an insurance policy; and
making payment for an insurance policy.

10. (Currently amended) ~~The method of any one of claims 3, 4 or 7~~claim 3 in which the parameter

is an option parameter of the insurance service, the method including identifying, in the computer system, that a customer has entered a hand-drawn mark by means of the sensing device and effecting, in the computer system, an operation associated with the option parameter.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 in which the option parameter is associated with at least one of:

- an insurance product type;
- a payment method;
- a card type;
- extra coverage items;
- a deductible;
- a dwelling type;
- a dwelling use;
- a dwelling feature; or
- a property feature.

12. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 3, 4 or 7~~ claim 3 in which the parameter is a text parameter of the insurance service, the method including identifying, in the computer system, that a customer has entered handwritten text data by means of the sensing device and effecting, in the computer system, an operation associated with the text parameter.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 which includes converting, in the computer system, the handwritten text data to computer text.

14. (Original) The method of claim 13 in which the text parameter is associated with at least one of:

- a quote number;
- a policy number;
- a zip code;
- an insured value;
- insurance claim history;
- a property address; and
- payment card details.

15. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 3, 4 or 7~~ claim 3 in which the parameter is an authorisation parameter of the insurance service, the method including identifying, in the computer system, that a customer has entered a handwritten signature by means of the sensing device and effecting, in the computer system, an operation associated with the authorisation parameter.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15 which includes verifying, in the computer system, that the signature is that of the customer.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 in which the authorisation parameter is associated with at least one of

insurance policy acceptance, and
payment authorisation.

18. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 3, 4 or 7~~claim 3 in which the parameter is a picture parameter of the insurance service, the method including identifying, in the computer system, that a customer has entered a hand-drawn picture by means of the sensing device and effecting, in the computer system, an operation associated with the picture parameter.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18 in which the picture parameter is associated with an insurance claim.

20. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1, 4 or 5~~claim 1 in which the form contains information relating to at least one of:

insurance product information;
insurance policy details;
an insurance quote;
insurance policy terms; and
insurance policy receipt.

21. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1, 4, or 5~~claim 1, wherein which includes printing the coded data ~~to be~~ substantially invisible in the visible spectrum.

22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 or 5 which includes retaining a retrievable record of each form generated, the form being retrievable using its identity as contained in its coded data.

23. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1, 4 or 5~~claim 1 which includes distributing a plurality of the forms using a mixture of multicast and pointcast communications protocols.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 or 4 in which the sensing device contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as belonging to a particular customer and in which the method includes monitoring, in the computer system, said identity.

25. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1, 4 or 5~~claim 1 which includes providing all required information relating to the insurance service in the form to eliminate the need for a separate display device.

26. (Currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 1, 4 or 5~~claim 1 in which the form is printed on multiple pages, ~~and in which the method includes binding the pages~~.

27. (Currently amended) A system for providing insurance services using a, the system including ~~— a form containing having printed thereon~~ information relating to an insurance service ~~and a~~ plurality of tags, each tag containing, the form including coded data indicative of an identity of the form and of at least one reference point of the form its own location on the form, said system comprising; and ~~— a printer for printing the form by printing the information and at the same time the coded data;~~

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and

a computer system configured for:

— receiving indicating data from a sensing device, said indicating data for identifying at least one parameter relating to the insurance service, the indicating data being indicative of regarding the identity of the form and a position of the sensing device relative to the form; and,

— identifying, from the indicating data, at least one parameter relating to the insurance service,

wherein the sensing device, when placed in an operative position relative to the form, sensing senses at least some of the coded data and generating generates the indicating data using at least some of the sensed coded data.

28. (Original) The system of claim 27 in which said at least one parameter relating to the insurance service is associated with at least one zone of the form.

29. (Original) The system of claim 27 which includes the sensing device, the sensing device sensing its movement relative to the form using at least some of the coded data.

30. (Currently amended) ~~A system for providing insurance services~~ The system of claim 27, the system including wherein the computer system is further configured for:

— a form containing information relating to an insurance service, the form including coded data indicative of at least one parameter of the insurance service;

— a printer for printing the form by printing the information and at the same time the coded data; and

— a computer system for receiving data from a the sensing device regarding said at least one parameter and regarding movement of the sensing device relative to the form; and

— for interpreting said movement of the sensing device as it relates to said at least one parameter,

wherein the sensing device, when moved relative to the form, sensing senses at least some of the coded data and generating generates the movement data regarding said at least one parameter using at least some of the sensed coded data and generating the data regarding its own movement relative to the form.

31. (Currently amended) ~~A system for providing insurance services, the system including~~ a form including coded data indicative of an identity of the form and of at least one reference point of the form; and

— a printer for printing the form by printing on the surface, the coded data; and The system of claim 27, wherein the computer further configured for:

— a computer system for receiving, from a the sensing device, data regarding an identity of a customer, the identity of the form and a position of the sensing device relative to the form; and

— for identifying, from said received data, an insurance service as it relates to that customer, wherein the sensing device sensing at least some of the coded data when placed in an operative position

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~~relative to the form, the sensing device containing~~ ~~contains~~ the data regarding the identity of the customer, generating the data regarding the identity of the form using at least some of the sensed coded data and generating the data regarding the position of the sensing device relative to the form using at least some of the sensed coded data.

32. (Cancelled)
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 27, 30 or 31~~ claim 27 in which said at least one parameter of the insurance service is selected from the group comprising an action parameter of the insurance service, an option parameter of the insurance service, a text parameter of the insurance service, an authorisation parameter of the insurance service, and a picture parameter of the insurance service.
35. (Original) The system of claim 34 in which the action parameter of the insurance service is selected from the group comprising
 - obtaining insurance product information;
 - obtaining details of an insurance policy;
 - obtaining a quote for insurance;
 - making an insurance claim;
 - viewing insurance policy terms;
 - accepting the terms of an insurance policy; and
 - making payment for an insurance policy.
36. (Original) The system of claim 34 in which the option parameter is associated with at least one of:
 - an insurance product type;
 - a payment method;
 - a card type;
 - extra coverage items;
 - a deductible;
 - a dwelling type;
 - a dwelling use;
 - a dwelling feature; or
 - a property feature.
37. (Original) The system of claim 34 in which the text parameter is associated with at least one of:
 - a quote number;
 - a policy number;
 - a zip code;
 - an insured value;

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insurance claim history;
a property address; and
payment card details.

38. (Original) The system of claim 34 in which the authorisation parameter is associated with at least one of:

insurance policy acceptance, and
payment authorisation.

39. (Original) The system of claim 34 in which the picture parameter is associated with an insurance claim.

40. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 29, 30 or 33~~ claim 29 in which the sensing device includes a marking nib.

41. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 29 or 30 in which the sensing device contains an identification means which imparts a unique identity to the sensing device and identifies it as belonging to a particular customer.

42. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 27, 30 or 31~~ claim 27 in which the coded data is substantially invisible in the visible spectrum.

43. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 27 or 31 which includes a database for keeping a retrievable record of each form generated, each form being retrievable by using its identity as included in its coded data.

44. (Currently Amended) The system of ~~any one of claims 27, 30, or 31~~ claim 27, wherein in which, ~~to cater for~~ ~~the~~ form is printed on multiple pages, ~~the printer includes a binding means for binding the pages.~~